

# *WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: PHASES 3 & 4*





## A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.\* Amen.



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# AREAS OF FOCUS

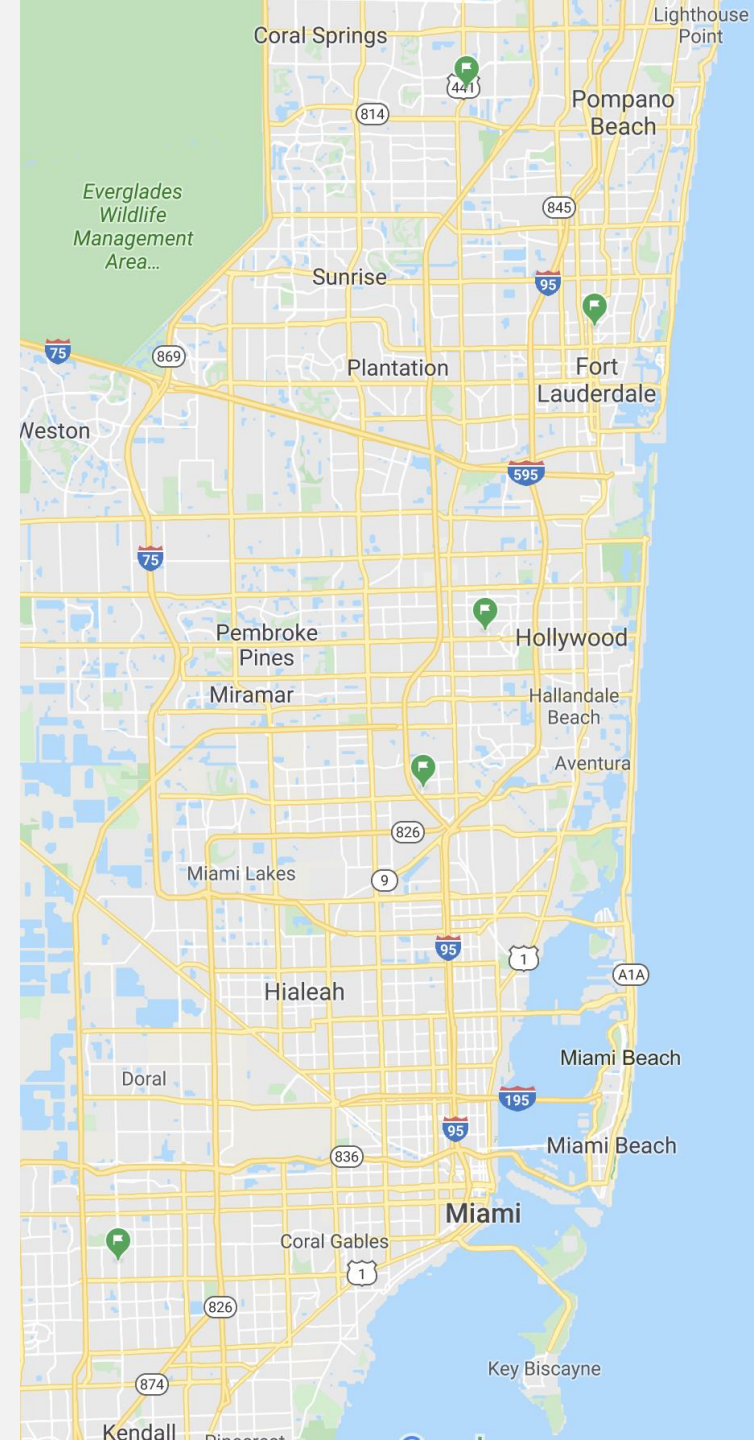


# RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS

- North Broward
- Central Broward
- South Broward
- North Dade
- South Dade

[RespectLifeMiami.org](http://RespectLifeMiami.org)

[PregnancyHelpSFL.org](http://PregnancyHelpSFL.org)



# FREE & CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES



ONE-ON-ONE  
COUNSELING



PREGNANCY  
TESTING



LIMITED  
ULTRASOUND  
EXAMS



EARN WHILE YOU  
LEARN CLASSES



MATERIAL  
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PROJECT JOSEPH  
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PROJECT RACHEL  
POST-ABORTION  
HEALING



INFORMATION &  
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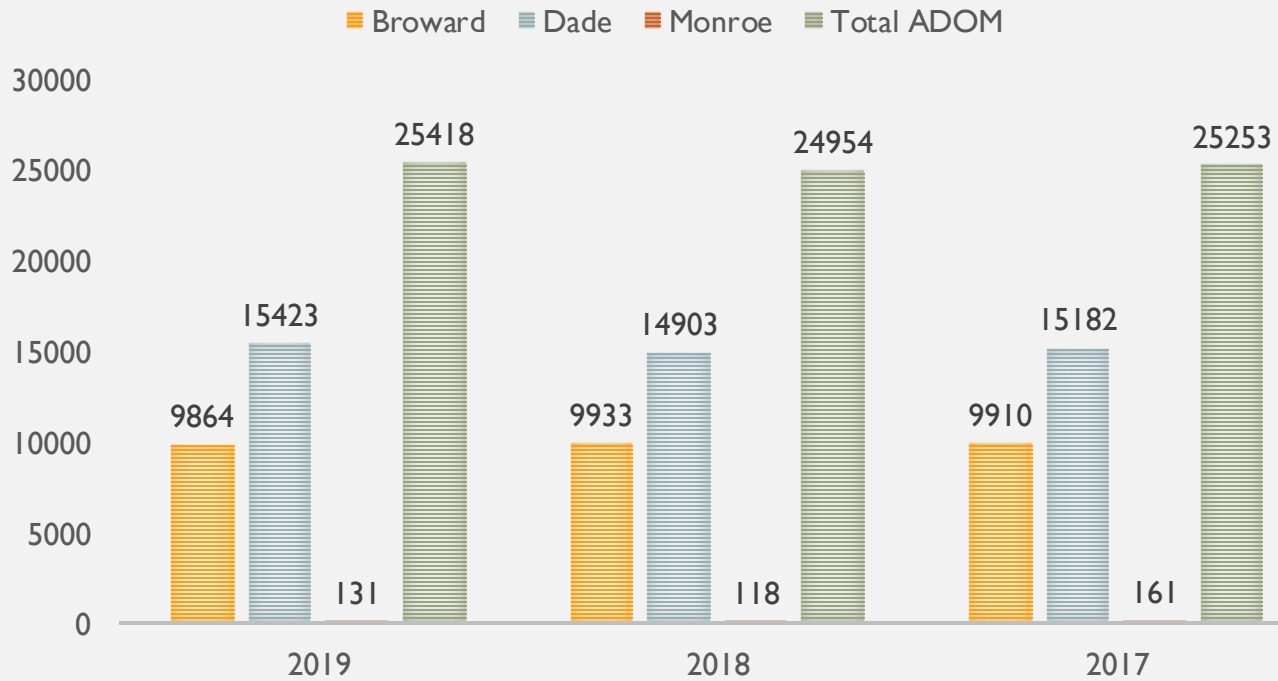


## THE NEED: FLORIDA ABORTION STATISTICS

- FL has the highest rate of “unwanted” pregnancies.
- Nearly half (48%) of all pregnancies in the state of Florida are considered “unwanted” or “wanted later.”
- Nearly half (43%) of those tragically end in abortion.



# COUNTY DATA





## THE RESPONSE: WALKING WITH MOMS

- Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods, but in desperation, they are turning to other places for help.
- **Moms in need are often best reached at the local level.** With over 100 parishes in the Archdiocese of Miami, the Church is uniquely positioned to encourage a collaboration of resources at the local level and to increase awareness of help available to mothers and families in need.
- Each parish is best able to identify the local pregnancy help resources that are currently available and to identify potential gaps that need to be addressed.
- Walking with Moms provides a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand, and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need.





“...Our parishes  
are called to be  
***‘islands of mercy’***  
in the midst  
of a sea of indifference.”

- Pope Francis



# THE *YEAR OF SERVICE* IS FIRST AND FOREMOST **A PASTORAL INITIATIVE.**

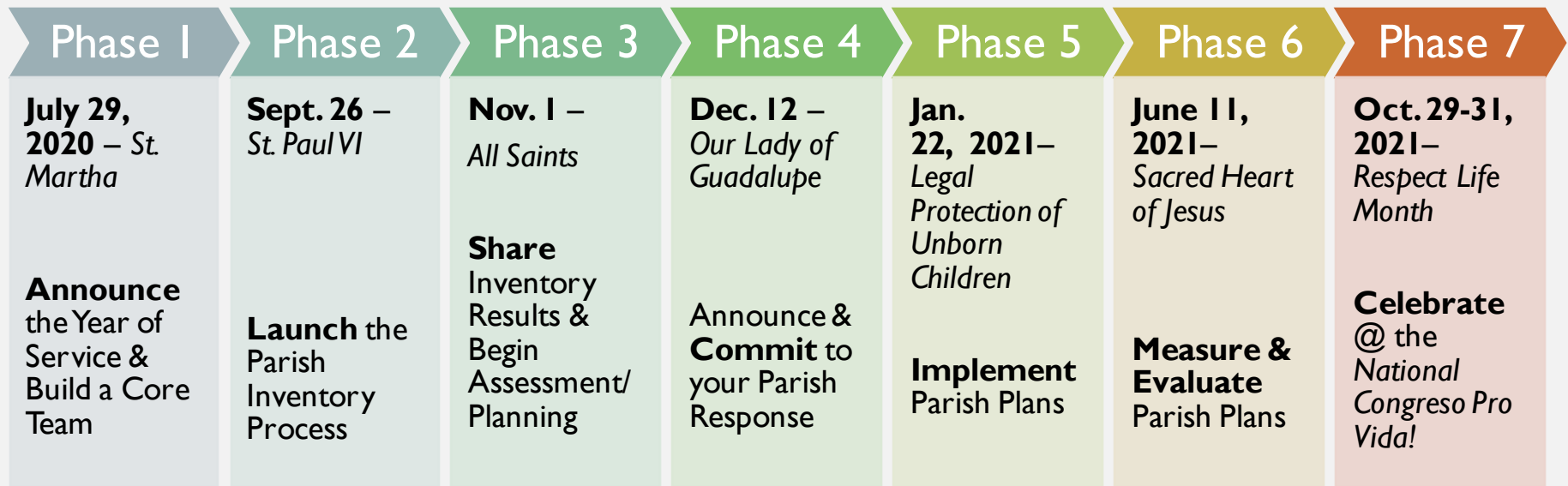
The goal of the *Year of Service* is focused on providing real, tangible support to pregnant women in need.

Part of the vision for this initiative is to move the conversation from what sometimes seems like a partisan divide into pastoral unity. Partisan messages can prevent women in need from hearing **the most important message of the *Year of Service*:**

**that the Church is there for them and desires to support them and walk with them during this challenging time.**



# PARISH ACTION TIMELINE



## READY TO BEGIN PHASES 3 AND 4?



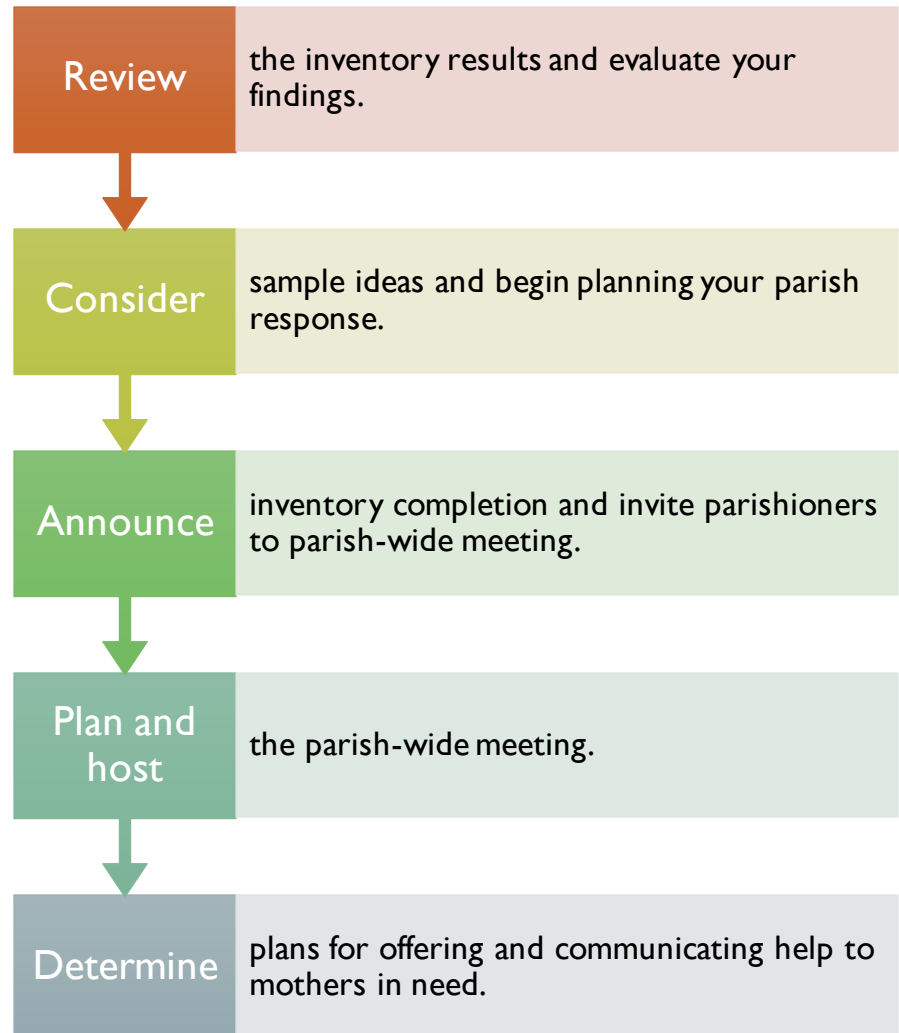
Scheduled and attended your **Pregnancy Help Center Tour** with your Walking with Moms Parish Core Team.



Completed and submitted your **Parish Inventory**.



## PHASE THREE



## SAMPLE IDEAS

- Volunteer Drives
- Baby Bottle Drives
- Baby Showers
- Holy Hours
- Prayer Vigils





Include our volunteer ad in your bulletin each month



Place flyers around your parish



Post our volunteer ad on your parish webpage



Set up an informational table after mass or at your next ministry fair!



Refer anyone who inquires to [respectlifemiami.org/volunteer](https://respectlifemiami.org/volunteer)

HOW CAN I HELP  
TO RECRUIT  
VOLUNTEERS FOR  
THE MINISTRY?



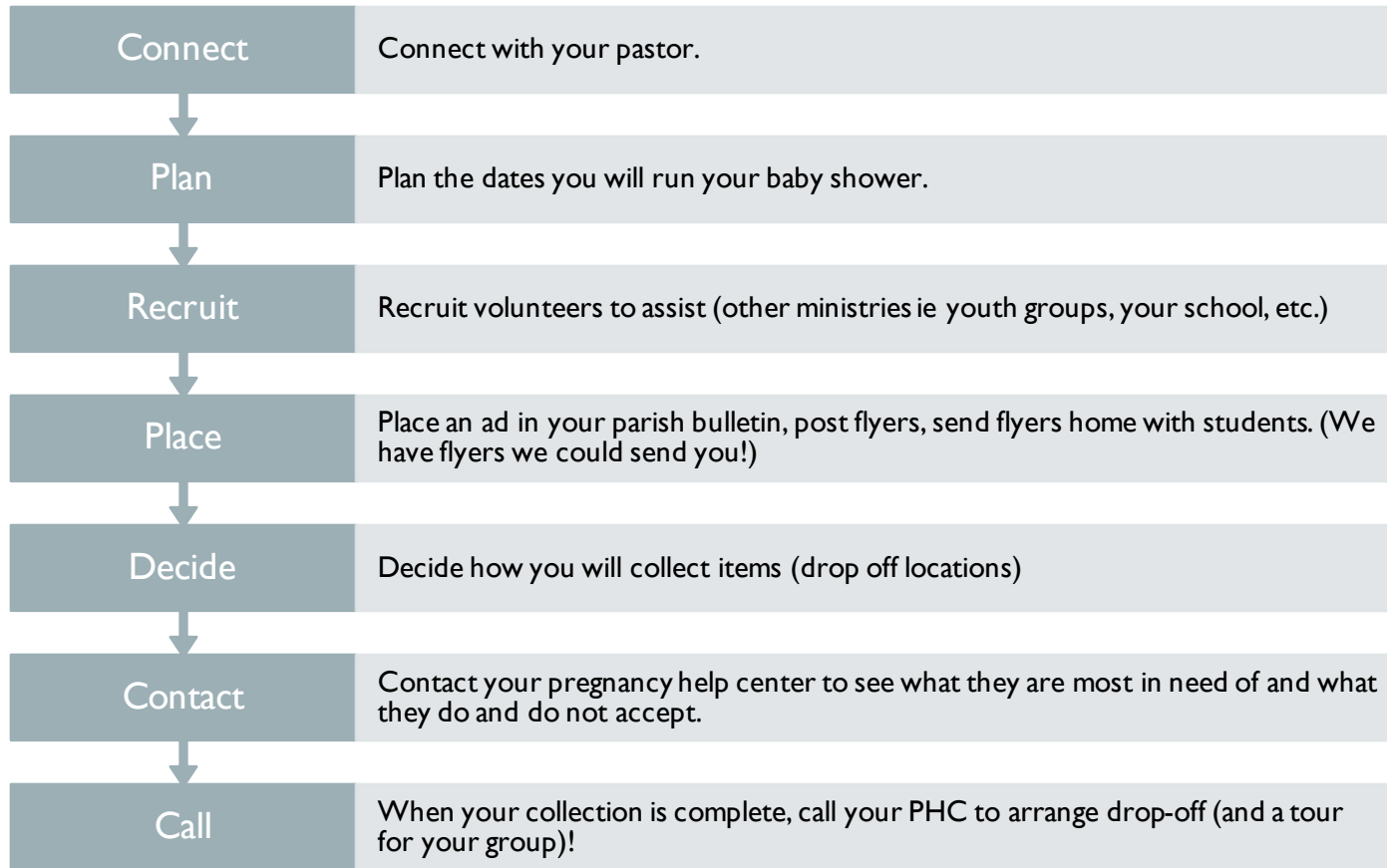
# HOW DO I RUN A SUCCESSFUL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN?



- ❖ Connect with your pastor to plan event dates.
- ❖ Determine how many baby bottles you will need (50-60% of parish bulletins).
- ❖ Contact your pregnancy help center at least 2 weeks in advance to schedule pick up of bottles and educational materials.
- ❖ Place a bulletin announcement in your parish bulletin and post flyers announcing the start and end dates.
- ❖ Recruit volunteers to hand out bottles at all doors on opening weekend, and to collect filled bottles on last weekend, at all masses.
- ❖ Arrange a date/time to drop-off filled baby bottles at your pregnancy help center to prepare for deposit. At least 2 –3 people should do this for safety & security purposes.



# HOW DO I ORGANIZE A BABY SHOWER FOR MY PREGNANCY HELP CENTER?

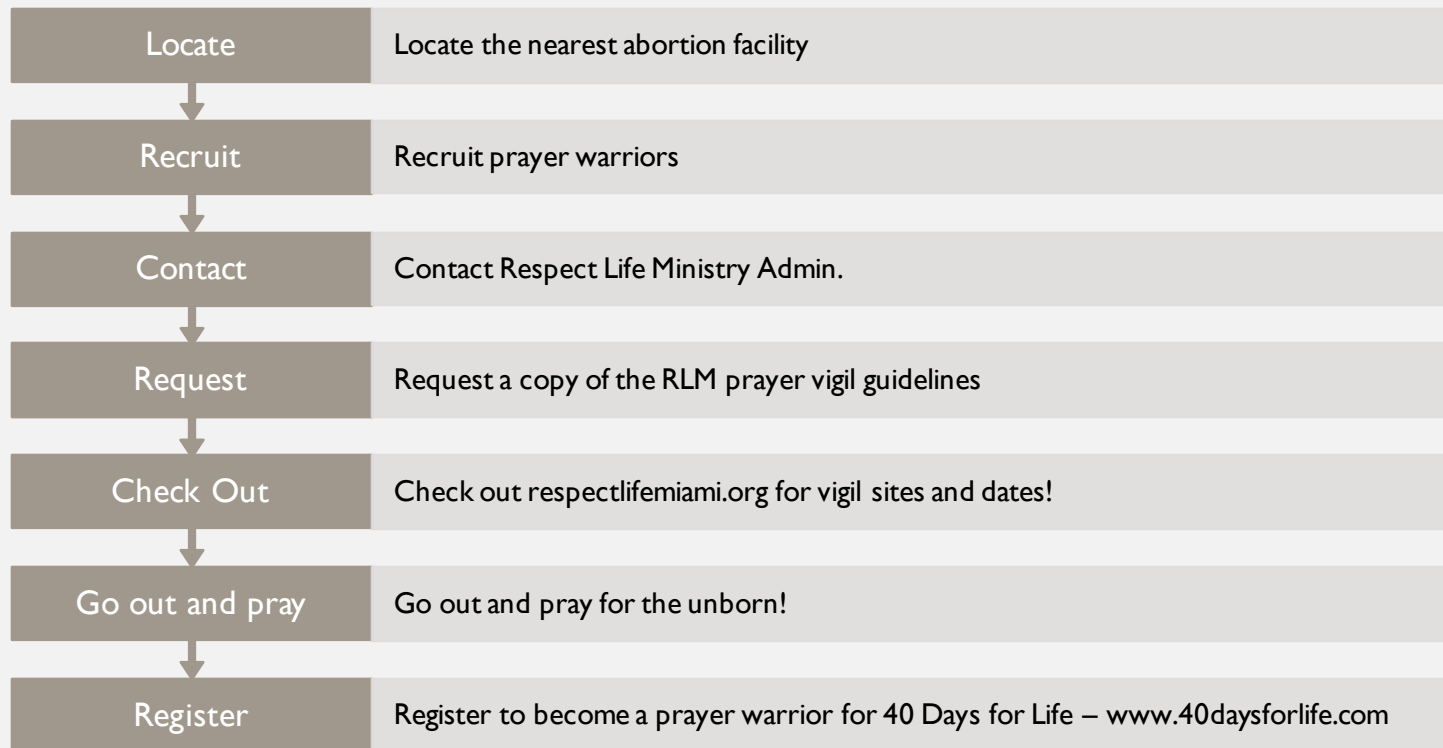


- ❖ Connect with your pastor to plan a date.
- ❖ Contact Rebecca Brady, Director of Respect Life Ministry.
- ❖ She will connect you with Deacon Jim Dugard, Deacon for Respect Life Ministry, who can help facilitate your event!

HOW DO I  
ARRANGE  
FOR A  
HOLY  
HOUR IN  
MY  
PARISH?



# HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN PRAYER VIGILS?



## PHASE FOUR





**PRAY**



**Brainstorm &  
Decide**



**Communicate**

**ACTION ITEMS  
FOR THE  
PARISH PLAN**



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## UPCOMING WEBINARS

- Phases 3 & 4 en español: 4 de Diciembre
- Advent Reflection: December 10th

QUESTIONS?  
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